

Fulbright Visiting Students

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Call for Applications



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1. Fulbright Junior Staff Development Program

The U.S. Embassy in Kigali is pleased to announce the annual competition for the **Fulbright Junior Staff Development (JSD) program**. The JSD is the largest Fulbright program, designed primarily to strengthen African universities through higher degree training (master's degree; master's degree with enhancement or one-year non-degree research for graduate students). Although core

exchanges are with universities, candidates who are affiliated with other educational, cultural, or professional institutions may apply.

In country deadline for applications is March 22, 2013

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants should be affiliated with an academic or educational institution in Rwanda and committed to work in the home institution upon completion of the designated program;
- Applicants should have the endorsement of their home institution;
- Applicants should be candidates for an advanced degree in their current field, with at least the equivalent of four years of university study or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree;
- Applicants should have sufficient English proficiency to enable them to realistically accomplish full-time graduate study in the United States;
- Applicants should have outstanding academic records, references and preparation in their chosen fields;
- Applicants should have high motivation and serious commitment

- to completing the program and returning home;
- Applicants must be citizens or nationals of Rwanda;
- Applicants should have satisfactory test results:
 -TOEFL (**575-600**)
 -GRE (**1000** minimum)
 -GMAT (550 minimum)
- Qualified **women** are encouraged to apply;
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied in the U.S.;
- Qualified candidates should complete application forms and submit a hard copy. **Only short listed applicants will be notified and interviewed.**

Application/Selection Process

Interested applicants must apply to the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy on official application forms no later than **March 22, 2013**. Application forms are available on the Internet at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>.

Please use the interactive form and indicate which program you are applying for. **Only finalists from the interview will apply online.**

All interested candidates fill in the application form and bring a hard copy along with all academic transcripts, degree certification and three recommendation letters.

After national selection, independent committees review final nominations in the United States. These review committees make recommendations to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. The Institution of International Education (IIE) will seek university placement of successful candidates. Awards and university placement are announced in spring for programs beginning in autumn.

Grant Provision

The Fulbright Junior Staff development program provides:

- Round trip economy international travel and excess-baggage allowance;
- An allowance for settling in;
- A pre-academic orientation program;
- A monthly maintenance allowance and funding for books and professional activities;
- Tuition and university fees;
- Limited accident and sickness insurance but does not include pre-existing conditions and pregnancy;
- Program required field trips;
- Academic training.

The Fulbright Junior Staff Development Program, for a maximum of 2 years, will fund all candidates selected for the degree study. All awards are contingent upon approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, availability of funds and successful academic placement. This program does NOT provide financial support for dependents.

2. Fulbright Junior Staff Development Enhancement (FLJSD)

As a part of the Fulbright Junior Staff Development (JSD) Program, the U.S. Embassy in Kigali invites qualified candidates to apply for **enhanced grants offering intensive English Language Training in the United States prior to embarking on the post graduate course.** The grantee will be funded by the Fulbright program for a maximum of eight months of intensive English language training and a maximum of two years in a master's degree program. Please note that English test results are essential so that evaluation of current language skills and proper placement can be made.

On successful completion of their language training and admission to an appropriate university academic program, grantees will be admitted into the Junior Staff Development program to pursue their degrees within the guidelines of the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board. Candidates who are not successful in gaining degree admission upon completion of the English training program will return home with an English language certificate.

This program is offered to recent graduate applicants who are qualified to pursue a master's degree but lack required English language skills for selection in the traditional JSD program. **It is NOT offered to non-degree, MBA, Law or PhD applicants.**

Applicants in the fields or sub-fields of English, TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), Linguistics and English Literature are NOT eligible to apply.

Applicants in the fields of Agriculture, Food Security/Safety, Food Science and Technology, Water and Soil Management, Crop Production, Management and Protection are encouraged to apply.

In country deadline for applications is March 22, 2013

Eligibility requirements:

Same as for the JSD, except proficiency in English language: the qualifying TOEFL score range for the FLJSD applicants is **480-530**. Only applicants with a beginning TOEFL score of no less than **480** will be considered.

Application/Selection Process:

Same as for the JSD.

Awards and university placement are announced early in December for programs beginning in January.

Grant Provisions: same as for the JSD

